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BONN FOR POLITICAL COUNSELOR SMYSER

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, GW, WB
SUBJECT: SENIOR FRG OFFICIAL FIRED FOR EFFORTS FORCE
RECALL OF KOHL

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. DIE WELT OF FEB 2 AND 3 CARRIED DETAILED ACCOUNT OF
EFFORTS BY HERMANN KREUTZER, DEPARTMENT CHIEF IN
BERLIN FOR INNER GERMAN MINISTRY, WHO ALSO FUNCTIONS AS
DEPUTY FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR BERLIN, TO FORCE RECALL
OF GDR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN MICHAEL KOHL,
FOR HIS ALLEGED DENUNCIATION OF SPD STUDENTS IN JENA
TO SOVIET SECRET POLICE IN PERIOD 1949-50, STUDENTS
WERE LATER SENTENCED TO LONG PERIOD OF FORCED LABOR;
AT LEAST ONE REPORTEDLY DIED IN PRISON. KREUTZER, WHO
CLAIMS TO HAVE LEARNED OF KOHL' ROLE AS A SOVIET
INTELLIGENCE AGENT WHEN HE HIMSELF WAS IMPRISONED DURING
THE FIFTIES IN THE GDR PRISON OF BAUTZEN, BECAME
INFURIATED WHEN KOHL APPEARED AT SPD HEADQUARTERS IN
BONN FOR A POST-ELECTION PARTY.

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2. ON OCTOBER 5 KREUTZER ACTING AS A CONCERNED PARTY
MEMBER, DETAILED THESE OLD CHARGES AGAINST KOHL,
WHICH APPARENTLY WERE WELL DOCUMENTED IN BOTH FRG
AND SPD FILES, IN A LETTER TO THE VORSTAND OF THE
SPD DEMANDING KOHL'S RECALL. HE WROTE A SIMILAR
ACCUSATORY LETTER DIRECTLY TO KHOL. TEXTS OF BOTH
LETTERS PRESUMABLY RELAEASED BY KREUTZER, APPEARED

IN THE DIE WELT ARTICLES MENTIONED ABOVE.
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3. RELIABLE SOURCE IN INNER GERMAN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED MISSION THAT ON FEB 3 MINISTER FRANKE DECIDED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIT AND FRG COMMISSIONER, PANGENBERG (WHO ALSO FRANKE'S NEW DEPUTY) TO REQUEST KREUTZER'S IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION. SOURCE DID NOT RULE OUT THAT BOTH FRG AND/OR PARTY MAY INSTITUTE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST KREUTZER INCLUDING POSSIBLE DISMISSAL FROM THE PARTY, FOR WHAT HIS SUPERIORS REGARD AS IMPROPER AND EMBARRASSING BEHAVIOR. KREUTZER, WHO BELONGS TO RIGHT-WING OF SPD AND IS SAID TO BE STUBBORN AND COMBATIVE BY NATURE, REPORTEDLY PLANS TO PURSUE PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST KOHL DESPITE INDICATIONS FROM HIS SUPERIORS THAT HIS FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OR PENSION PROSPECTS HINGE ON HIS DROPPING WHOLE AFFAIR. IF KREUTZER COOPERATES, WE UNDERSTAND HE MAY BE OFFERED, POSSIBLY THROUGH INTERCESSION OF SPANGENBERG, ANOTHER SENIOR LEVEL JOB WITH FRG IN BERLIN OR IN BONN. ON OTHER HAND, THERE IS POSSIBILITY ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THAT KREUTZER WHO HAS REPUTATION AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES FOR BEING AT ODDS WITH MAINSTREAM OF SPD AND LACKING POLITICAL SOPHISTICATION, MAY BOLT PARTY AND JOIN WITH OTHER SPD RIGHT-WING DISSIDENTS (ERLER GROUP) IN FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL GROUPING.
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